

CURRICULUM VITAE OF HOWARD B. SOMERS, M.D., F.A.C.S.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND POST GRADUATE TRAINING

October, 2008-Present

Volunteer Consultant, Urology Department, Naval Medical Center San Diego

January 2006 – April 18, 2008

Contracted, part-time urologist with Center for Urological Services, PC

January 2006 - October 2006

Part-time urologist with Kaiser Permanente of Southern California (San Diego)

March 1994 – December 2005

President/Owner, private urological practice d/b/a Center for Urological Services, PC
4545 E Chandler Blvd, Ste 300, Phoenix AZ 85048

February 1987 – February 1994

Practicing Urologist with Casa Blanca Clinic, 401 E Baseline Rd, Gilbert AZ 85234

Chairman, Department of Surgery, Mesa Lutheran Hospital 1989 and 1990

Chairman, Casa Blanca Surgi-Center 1990-1991

Chairman, Medical Records Committee, Mesa Lutheran Hospital 1991

January 1984 – November 1986

Vice President of Utilization, CIGNA Healthplan of Arizona

Organized the Utilization Management Department from its inception for the CIGNA Healthplan of Arizona

Developed systems for the prior-authorization of claims.

Initiated the post-op admit program for virtually all elective surgical cases.

Developed policies and procedures for hospital based Patient Care Coordinators, enabling the Healthplan to lower its commercial days per thousand by 40 (330 to 290) over the span of twelve months.

Instrumental in contracting for the use of a surgical recovery facility where some post-op patients were admitted directly from the hospital or outpatient operating room

Developed systems to monitor the use of outside providers and greatly enhanced the interface between Contracting, Finance and Utilization Management

In a continuing process, educated all physicians and physician managers in the principles and practices of utilization management

Evaluated all physicians by Utilization Management criteria (productivity, DRG's and referral patterns) at contract renewal time

Developed criteria for the Medical Claims Review Unit

April 1981 – December 1983

Chief of Staff of a multi-specialty CIGNA Healthcare center

July 1979 – January 1987

Practicing urologist with CIGNA Healthplan of Arizona

July 1978 – June 1979

Chief resident in urology, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York

July 1976 – June 1978

Urology resident, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York

July 1975 – June 1986

Surgical resident, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York

July 1974 – June 1975

Rotating surgical intern, Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, New York

June 1973 – June 1974

AMA Fifth Pathway, Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, New York

August 1969 – May 1973

Medical School, Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Urology, February 1981

FELLOWSHIP

American College of Surgeons

MEDICAL LICENSURE

Arizona 1979

California 2003

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Urologic Association

Western Section American Urologic Association

California Urologic Association

San Diego Urologic Society

CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Member Coronado Rotary Club

Board Member 7/10-6/12

Co-Chair Low Tide Ride and Stride fundraiser 2010-2012

Member Coronado Civil Service Commission 2007-2013

Little League Umpire 2007-Present

Umpire in Chief Coronado Little League 2007-11

Volunteer Midway Museum Safety and Security Team 2007-Present